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In re application of: Avraham KEDEM, et al.

For: EVAPORATION DEVICE

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS :

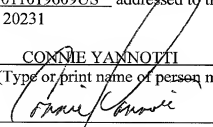
Please amend claims 23, 24, 25 and 28 as follows

23 (Amended) An evaporation device according to Claim 1, wherein said body of liquid is a pond and said device is adapted for being at least partially mounted on a bank of the pond.

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24. (Amended) An evaporation device according to Claim 23, wherein said device further comprises means for periodically wetting said evaporation surface, said means are capable of acting to pour said liquid onto said evaporation surface and said means comprise a liquid pump and a distribution system connected therewith, and further comprising a scaffold adapted for being mounted on a bank of the pond and carrying said at least one evaporation element with one or more evaporation surfaces, and guiding means for guiding excess liquid used for wetting said evaporation surface back to the pond.


25. (Amended) An evaporation device according to Claim 24, wherein the distribution system is disposed at the top of said scaffold and this system comprises at least one perforated tray for receiving liquid from said pond and wetting said evaporation surfaces through the perforations.

28. (Amended) An evaporation device according to Claim 24, wherein the distribution system comprises a piping grid with a plurality of nozzles for wetting, at least indirectly, said evaporation surfaces.

Remarks

The above amendatory action is taken solely for the purpose of avoiding claim fees that would otherwise accrue due to the presence of multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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23. (Amended) An evaporation device according to Claim 1, [10 or 11,] wherein said body of liquid is a pond and said device is adapted for being at least partially mounted on a bank of the pond.

24. (Amended) An evaporation device according to Claim 23 [when dependent on Claim 11], wherein said device further comprises means for periodically wetting said evaporation surface, said means are capable of acting to pour said liquid onto said evaporation surface and said means comprise a liquid pump and a distribution system connected therewith, and further comprising a scaffold adapted for being mounted on a bank of the pond and carrying said at least one evaporation element with one or more evaporation surfaces, and guiding means for guiding excess liquid used for wetting said evaporation surface back to the pond.

25. (Amended) An evaporation device according to Claim 24, wherein the distribution system [defined in Claim 11] is disposed at the top of said scaffold and this system comprises at least one perforated tray for receiving liquid from said pond and wetting said evaporation surfaces through the perforations.

28. (Amended) An evaporation device according to Claim 24, wherein the distribution system [defined in Claim 11] comprises a piping grid with a plurality of nozzles for wetting, at least indirectly, said evaporation surfaces.